
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I BASKETBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, high school athletic programs enhance student
2 engagement, improve health and academics, and allow students to
3 benefit from positive mentorship, creativity in problem solving,
4 teamwork, and many other skills that help them become
5 responsible adults, productive citizens, and skilled
6 professionals; and
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8 WHEREAS, as with any athletic team, coaching runs deeper
9 than wins and losses and it is with great dedication that
10 coaches inspire, guide, and nurture young athletes into
11 champions who learn the value of persistence, personal growth,
12 and teamwork; and
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14 WHEREAS, the MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I BASKETBALL
15 TEAM finished an outstanding season with a triumphant 50-34 win
16 over Punahou School, making Maryknoll the reigning Hawaii High
17 School Athletic Association (HHSAA) Division I State Champion;
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20 WHEREAS, the MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I BASKETBALL
21 TEAM compiled an impressive 30-2 record for the 2018-2019 season
22 and won their last thirteen games; and
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24 WHEREAS, the 2019 State Championship is the first such
25 title to be won by Maryknoll School in thirty-five years and
26 embodies the fulfillment of a decades-long dream to rebuild
27 Maryknoll School into an academic and sports powerhouse through
28 a renaissance of its basketball program; and
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30 WHEREAS, this title was built on a rich legacy of exemplary
31 coaches and players; the last championship was won in 1984 under
32 the direction of then-Head Coach Tony Sellitto, who trained both



1 the current Athletic Director Benjamin Valle and Head Coach
2 Kelly Grant, the latter of whom now has two sons on this year's
3 championship team; and
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5 WHEREAS, the MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I BASKETBALL
6 TEAM has also benefited greatly from the tireless efforts of
7 Assistant Coaches AJ De Jesus, Matafaga Loa, David Lum, Kalia
8 McGee, Tyler Reuter, and Devan Uyeda; their invaluable expertise
9 and contributions were key components to the team's success; and
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11 WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I
12 BASKETBALL TEAM includes Kalai Akaka, Tyler Brooke, Logan Dias,
13 Reginald Eiland, Noah Furtado, Parker Grant, Payton Grant,
14 Makoto Kamata (Most Outstanding Player HHSAA Division I
15 Championship Tournament), Irvin Lin, Kahaweoakali'aaloha McGee,
16 Matthew "Nui" Pila, Nikolas Robben, Liko Soares, Marcus Tobin
17 (HHSAA Division I Championship All-Tournament Team), and Sage
18 Tolentino; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
22 2019, that this body congratulates and commends the members of
23 the MARYKNOLL SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY I BASKETBALL TEAM, along with
24 their coaches, teachers, staff, family, fans, and school alumni
25 and administrators for their outstanding accomplishments, and
26 extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
27 success in all future endeavors.
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